FINANCIAL

Merchants-Laclede National Bank

od Statement of Condition at Close of Business Dec. 10, 1901.

RESOURCES.	
Cash and Sight Exchange	4,208,441.42
Loans Payable on Demand \$3,384,841.45	0 154 000 00
" at Fixed Dates 5,769,226.61	9,154,068.06
" at Fixed Dates 5,769,226.61 United States Bonds	391,000.00
Other Bonds, Stocks, etc	239,510.86
Real Estate	85,900.70
	14,079,221.04
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock \$	1,400,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	562,741.93
Circulation	100,000.00
Trained Control of Assessed	106 000 00

United States Bond Account ... Deposits, Individual......85,549,042.75
"Trust Companies. 1,035,178.77 United States.... 291,000.00 \$6,875,221,52 Banks and Bankers 5,035,257.59

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St. Louis Trust Co.

Capital and Surplus \$5,000,000 Interest Allowed on Deposits.

The Most Modern Safe Deposit Vaults in the West. Boxes for Rent, \$5.00 Per Annum and Up.

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FOR SALE.

\$200,000 Union Depot Railroad Co.'s 6 per cent First Mortgage Bonds, due June, 1918, at 1221/2 and interest.

\$250,000 United Railway Co.'s Collateral Trust 5 per cent, due November, 1904, at par and interest. For particulars call or write to

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DECLINE IN PRODUCTION IS

Easier Money Market Lends Buoy-

New York, Dec. 18.-The principal effort

of operators in stocks to-day continued to be to solve the enigma of the copper question. The erratic fluctuations of Amalgamated Copper reflected the uncertainty of mind of the professional operators in this

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mind of the professional operators in this stock, who largely monopolized the dealings. Traders of the class who usually depend upon the toss of a coin or upon the aggressive leadership of larger operators for actualing motive talked glibly of technical conditions in the copper trade. Of actual developments, the additional cut in the prices of copper was the feature of the day. The weakness yesterday in Amalgamated, which continued this morning, was due to the assumption that there would be further declines in the price of the company's product. The rally of \$\Psi_2\$ points in the price of the stock after the reduction of selling prices by the United Metals Selling Company, indicated that yesterday's selling was by professional bears, and was overdone. The fact that the former difference between the price of Lake Superior and electrolytic copper was narrowed by today's changes was taken as an indication of an adjustment of differences of opinion between the controlling interests in Amalgamated Copper and Calumet and Hecla, as it has been supposed that the latter interests maintained that Amalgamated had an undue advantage from the relative cheapness of electrolytic copper. Many rumors were industriously circulated of progress toward adjustment of all the late unsettling influences in the copper situation.

Decline in Production Expected.

The lowering of prices by the dominant powers in the trade is believed to have cut off the margin of profit on production of many of the minor producers, thus foreshadowing a decline in production. The bear contingent in these securities were also apprehensive that the bottom point had been reached, as it is obviously bound to do at some time after its extensive deciline.

FINANCIAL.

NOTICE. **NDHOLDERS** OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN

A plan of adjustment having been agreed to between the city of Austin and the Bondholders' Committee, the city has been empowered by a special act of the Legislature to consummate said arrangement. It is expected that the new bonds will be ready for exchange by January L on which exchange all accured interest on the outstanding bonds will be paid in each.

Copies of the report of the Bondholders' Committee, the plan of adjustment, etc., can be had by application to the Missinsippt Valley Trust Company.

CHARLES S. FAIRCHILD, JAMES A. BLAIR, JOHN W. STERLING, BRECKINRIDGE JONES, Bondholders' Committee.

112N. Fourth St. Planters Hotel Managers for Finley Barrell & Co., tembers New York Stock Exchange. tembers New York Cotton Exchange. tembers Chicago Board of Trade. DIRECT PRIVATE WIRES.

nels Bro. & Co., No. 214 N. Fourth street reported:
Let up cables reported a firm tone for Americans, and many of foreign houses here had taying orders before the opening. Quotations on the other side, as cabled, were continually store the prices here, and arbitrage brokers bought small amounts of nearly all the International stocks, about 20,000 shares in all, with the heariest purchases in Baltimore and Ohio and St. Paul,

been reached, as it is obviously bound to do at some time after its extensive decline.

The possibility that all the bad news was out added to the urgency of the demand from shorts. Amalgamated closed at the top price, 3 points above last night and 6 prints above the low record price. Further selling of Standard Oil in the outside market at as low as 650 was attributed to sympathy with the weakness in Amalgamated Copper. The general market showed a disposition to ignore the carry weakness in Amalgamated Copper. The motive for the underlying strength in the morive for the underlying strength in the market was the easier tone in the money market, call loans ruling for the most part at 5 per cent. Fears of further gold exports are subsiding and confidence is growing that the period until the reflex of funds into the channels of the money market will be safely tided over.

Railreads lead Advance.

FESTUS J. WADE, President.
C. H. SPENCER, 1st Vice Pres.
L. E. ANDERSON, 24 Vice Pres.
Mercantile Trust Co., William Maffitt, Asst. Treas.
C. H. McMillan, Secretary.
J. B. Moberly, Asst. Secretary

Eighth and Locust Sts.

PAYS INTEREST

Savings Accounts, Time Certificates of Deposit, Daily Balances and Checking Accounts,

ON ALL SUMS OF \$1.00 AND UPWARD.

Savings Department Open Monday Evenings Until 8.

cific, were effective leaders in the advance. The amnouncement of the cut in Copper, while it drove the shorts to cover in that stock and railled it effectually, caused a sharp reaction in the general market. The bears centered their attack on Manhattan, forcing it B₂ under the best. The high-priced coalers and a number of specialites, especially the Cotton Oil stocks, Western Union, Pacific Mail, Colcrado Fuel and the distilling stocks, showed notable strength. The buoyancy finally developed in Amalgamated Copper railled the general market and caused a firm closing.

The bond market was active and firm. Total sales, par value, \$2.15,00). United States old 4s, coupon, and the 3s, registered, advanced 4s, and 5s, coupon, 4s. The 3s, coupon, declined 4s per cent on the last call.

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Third Call, 5,600 Atch 4s103 | 15,600 Ft W & D C

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Essumont, Tex., Dec. 12.—The following leading oil stocks were sold to-day:

Ten shares Higgins at \$75; seven shares Higgins at \$75.9; four shares Heywood at \$195; 200 shares Manhattan at \$6c; 200 shares Enterprise at \$c.

Oil shipments 115 cars, making 1,577 cars for December.

December. Treasury Statement.

Washington, Dec. IS.—National bank totes received to-day for redemption 515,992. Government receipts from internal revenue \$20,502; customs B.100,822; miscellaneous \$0,002; expenditures \$1,50,822; miscellaneous \$0,002; expenditures \$1,50,003; Available cash balance, \$13,22,314; gold, \$11a,697,119. The transcontinental and grain-carrying roads, especially St. Paul and Union Pa-

FIGHT WAGED ON

County Citizens Offer Objections to Two Belt Railroads Through Their Farms.

Strong opposition developed in the St. Louis County Court yesterday at a special nearing of the application of the St. Louis ferminal Railway Company for a franchise to build and construct a belt railroad to

Two written remonstrances were filed by property owners living along the Ladue, other petition was signed by George Ruck, D. Gerlach, Florence and Mary Bompart,

ONE KILLED; SEVEN INJURED.

Elevator Dropped Four Floors in a

with a quiet dinner at their home tendered

with a quiet dinner at their home tendered to the immediate relatives of the family. The aged couple wished particularly to avoid an ostentatious demonstration, but their friends sent many handsome testimonials of regard to commemorate the wedding day, fifty years ago.

Doctor Johnson is one of the oldest practicing physicians in St. Louis and has been identified with medical science in this city for sixty years. Among his early associates in practice were Poctors Pope, Moses, McPheeters and William Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson is a member of the well-known Lucas family. She was Miss Nancy Lucas, daughter of James H. Lucas, and sister of Charles and Henry Lucas. She is a granddaughter of Judge J. B. C. Lucas, who was prominently identified with the early history of this city and State.

TRANSCRIPT OF CASE FILED. Trial of Mrs. Richardson Set to Begin on January 13.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. of the case of the State of Missouri vs. Mrs. A. B. Richardson was filed with the Circuit Clork here yesterday. The case has been docketed and will be brought to trial in the Circuit Court before Judge Burnes on January 13, 1992. Counsel for both sides eclare their readiness for trial.

Mrs. Richardson is charged with being the principal in the killing of her husband, Frank W. Richardson, the Savannah merchant, on December 24, 1800. Richardso left his store early on that evening and went to his home to accompany his wife to an entertainment at the Savannah Opera-house. On entering his door he was shot and fell dead in the hallway of his home. Many rumors and theories of the killing were advanced, but investigation by

STEAMBOATS.

LOWER MISSISSIPPL LEE LINE STEAMERS

TENNESSEE RIVER.

ST. LOUIS and Tennesses River Packet Company—Ship all freight for landings on Tennessee River, between Paducath, Ky., and Waterley, Ala., via Illinois Central or Louisville and Nashville Railroad; through bills lading at regular tariff.

JNO, E. MASSENGALE, Agent.

RIVER NEWS.

River Forecast. River and Business. Harbor gauges yesterday marked .3 of a foot, howing a decline of .3 of a foot in the past 24 there were no arrivals or departures.

River Rialto Brevities.

m., is still here and will remain until the storm abates.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Dec. 18—Weather colder; heavy snow failing since noon. The river is blocked this side of the big bar in front of town, channel still open. The Illinois Central train was unable to get mail or crew over this afternoon. Still snowing.

Chester, Ill., Dec. 18.—River failing; gauge 1 above zero. Weather cold and snowing. Ferry making regular trips. River full of heavy ice. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—River 12. feet; falling, clear, cold.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 18.—The river is 8 incaes

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 18. -River 38 feet 3 inches; rising, Cloudy, cold.

Voters Asked to Express Choice REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

eratic State Central Committee met this afternoon in the parlors of the Capitol Hotel. Carroll Armstrong of Morrillton pre-sided. The action of the last Democratic Sided. The action of the last Democratic State Convention relative to proxies was strictly enforced. It was agreed that the basis in the next State Convention shall be one delegate for every 15 votes cast for Governor Jeff Davis last year, and one delegate for a fraction over eighty-eight cast at that election. This will give a total representation in the convention of 502.

Resolutions adopted by the last State Convention were reaffirmed, providing for a convention of the Democratic party for the nomination of State officers to convene at the city of Little Rock on the second Tuesday in June. 1902.

It was further resolved in compliance with the request of candidates for the United States Senate that the committee respectively urges upon the proper authorities of the several counties of the State that an expression shall be made as between the two candiates at the general primaries to be held March 2, 1802. Another resolution, introduced by Honorable J. V. Bourland of the county of the several primaries to be held March 2, 1802. Another resolution, introduced by Honorable J. V. Bourland of the county of the several counties of the State that an expression shall be made as between the two candiates at the general primaries to be held March 2, 1802. Another resolution, introduced by Honorable J. V. Bourland of the County of the State that an expression shall be made as between the two candiates at the general primaries to be held March 2, 1802. Another resolution, introduced by Honorable J. V. Bourland of the county of the proper authorities of the several primaries to be held March 2, 1802. Another resolution, introduced by Honorable J. V. Bourland of the county of the proper authorities of the several counties of the State that an expression shall be made as between the two candiates at the general primaries to be held March 2, 1802. Another resolution, introduced by Honorable J. V. Bourland of the proper authorities of the several primaries to be held March 2, 1802. Another resolution, introduced by Honorable

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St. Louis and Florida Limited. *5:20 pm *5:24 am

Murphysboro, Sparta, Chester
and Percy Accommodation... *5:20 pm *11:04 am

BIG FOUR.

STW YORK CENTRAL AND ing. Clear, cold.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 18.—The river is 8 inches above low-water mark of 186, a fall of 1 inch since last report. Weather stormy and colder, Grand Tower. III., Dec. 18.—Gauge reads 5.2 feet, a rise of 7 of a foot. Cloudy and showing, lee blocked in Illinois chute.

Louisville, Ny., Dec. 18.—River rising; in canal, 12.6 feet, on falls, 19.4; below locks, 31.4. Clear and cold.

Evansville, Ind., The control of the color of the color. and cold. Evansville, Ind., Dec. 18.—River 17 feet; rising. Cloudy, snowing, New South down at noon, Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 18.—River 23 feet 10 inches; fulling. Clear, cold.

ARKANSAS CENTRAL COMMITTEE

RAILROAD TIME-TABLE

FINANCIAL

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Accounts Solicited on Favorable Terms

Letters of Credit Available in All Parts of the World.

Foreign Exchange Bought and Sold.

SOLE AGENTS FOR THE NORTH GERMAN LLOYD S. S. LINE.

ST. LOUIS TIME.	ILLINOIS CENTRAL.
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ton-Northern Pa-	Atlanta and Jacksonville *8:36 am *7:26 pm
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(ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY.)
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ST. LOUIS AND HANNIBAL RAILROAD.

(Via Wabash.)

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Ozark, was adopted, the concluding paragraph being:

Be it Resolvel, That the several County Central Committees of the respective Railroad Commissioners' districts, as defined in the act of 1800 be and they are hereby directed to cause to be orinted on the primary election rickets to be used as the end of the primary election the sub-like of the contract of the said every contract said districts may separately nominate the same manner as if said congressional apportionment act of 1901 had not been passed.

Former Senator Littler Very fit.

COUNTY PARAGRAPHS.

The funeral of Edward F. Reidorn, who died at his home in Bridgeton Monday afternoon, was held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the family home. Funeral services were conducted at the house by the Reverend Mr. Davis, an Edward in the Fee Fee Cemetery brief services were held by the Bridgeton Masonic Lodge, of which Mr. Heldorn was a member.